

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 has been cancelled. The remaining claims depend from Claim 19.

Applicant therefore believes that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicits an early Notice of Allowability.

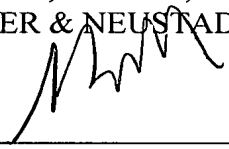
Respectfully submitted,

Customer Number

22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 03/06)

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Robert T. Pous
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 29,099